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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY ACTION RESPONSIVE TO AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicants request that the examiner reconsider, or at least clarify, the advisory action of March 6, 2003.

Applicants intend to file a notice of appeal. Applicants' grounds will include that the prior art fails to make obvious the claimed invention, in particular for several of the dependent claim inventions, most importantly including claim 29.

Applicants submit that the workload of examiner, applicants and the Board in the forthcoming appeal will be lessened, if the February 11, 2003 amendment-after-final-rejection claim 26 is entered.

Applicant asks reconsideration of the examiner's basis for refusal, namely, that new issues are raised. The issues in claim 26, as it would be amended, have been presented from the start, namely in the subject matter of claim 29. The examiner was not factually correct in the Note of the March 6 advisory action, when he referred to claim 29 as having been previously allowed. In combination with that remark, he seemed to infer that the amendment was being not being entered because an phrase from claim 29 was not included in the amendment; and, that it was the omission which raised new issues.

Entry of the amendment would remove from appeal the issues presented by the existing claim 26, and would narrow the issues presented by the dependent claims.

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